

SHRINKAGE IN WHEAT.

Area Under Cultivation 3,563,000
Bushels Less Than Last
Fall's Estimate.

GOVERNMENT REPORT FOR MAY.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—The monthly crop report of the Agricultural Department is as follows:

Returns to the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, made up to May 1, show the area under winter wheat in cultivation on that date to have been about 26,555,000 acres or 3, 563,000 or 11.8 per cent less than the area estimated to have been shown last fall. The reduction in acreage in the principal states, owing to winter killing and the ravages of the Hessian fly, is as follows: Indiana, 1,608,000; Ohio, 969,000; Michigan, 317,000; Pennsylvania, 158,000; and Illinois, 137,000 acres.

For the area remaining under cultivation the average condition on May 1 was 88.9. While this average condition is 0.2 points above the mean of the averages of the last ten years and has been exceeded only three times in fifteen years, it must be remembered that the acreage plowed up, cut for forage (except in California, where it is not yet definitely ascertainable), or otherwise abandoned, has been entirely eliminated. The high averages of condition reported last month for Kansas, Missouri, Texas and other more or less important wheat producing states that have escaped the ravages of the fly, have been fully maintained, and on May 1, nearly one-half of the entire winter wheat acreage remaining under cultivation reported a full normal or still higher condition.

The average condition of winter rye on May 1, was 88.5, as compared with 85.2 on May 1, 1899; 94.5 on May 1, 1898, and 89.7 the mean of the May averages for the last ten years. Pennsylvania and New York, with 42.1 per cent of the total winter rye acreage of the country, report conditions 11 points and 4 points, respectively, below their 10 year averages. Kansas, which ranks third in the scale of average, reports the high average condition of 107, the highest reported on May 1 of which there is any record.

The average condition of meadows mowing lands on May 1 was 90.8, against 84.9 on May 1, 1899; 92.9, on May 1, 1898 and 91.3, the mean of the May averages of the last ten years.

The average condition of spring pasture was 91.3, against 83.5 on May 1, 1899 91.2 on May 1, 1898, and 90.9, the mean of the May averages of the last ten years. Spring plowing is more or less late in almost every state in which its condition is a matter of any especial significance. The only notable exceptions are Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas.

The work already done in the country at large is estimated at 68.4 per cent of the total contemplated, the proportion usually done by May 1 being about 75 per cent of the whole. In South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, the work is later than in any year for which records are available.

In consequence of the almost, if not entirely unprecedented backwardness of the season, the statistician is unable to make the usual preliminary estimate of the new acreage of cotton.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Piles are not only most painful, but also very dangerous, as the inflamed nodules are very apt to take on malignant action and cancer of the rectum is produced. They should be cured. **TABLER'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT** will cure the most obstinate cases. Price, 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents.

Corn Crops Uninjured.

Joseph Smart near this place has had the good luck to save his corn crop. The heavy rains have made it necessary for many of the farmers in his section to replant but Mr. Smart's crop was uninjured.

Organization Of Red Men.

John B. Vanzant, of Louisville was at Hardinsburg several days last week and perfected the organization of the property of the Red Men.

The 1st, 2nd and 4th Monday in each month will be their regular meeting nights at the Masonic Hall.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature *Cast H. Fletcher*

REPUBLICANS

Meet In Mass Convention At
Hardinsburg Monday

APPOINT DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

The Republicans of Breckenridge county met in mass convention at Hardinsburg last Monday to name delegates to the state convention which meets in Louisville tomorrow, Thursday.

Chairman Kincheloe called the convention to order and stated the object of the meeting.

The Hon. John P. Haswell, Jr., was on motion chosen permanent chairman.

He made a brief speech in which he pledged his support to the party and the administration. He referred to his stewardship at Frankfort and said he stood on his record for he had done what he conceived to be his duty to his people.

Clint Hook was chosen secretary.

The chairman on motion appointed the following committee on resolutions: Jesse R. Eskridge, Senator R. M. Jolly, Capt. J. H. Rowland, Owen Cunningham and Hon. Chas. Blandford.

The committee retired and brought in a set of resolutions, endorsing McKinley's administration and Governor Taylor.

They instructed the delegates to vote as a unit for McKinley for President. They were also instructed to vote for the following delegates to the National Convention: Ex-Governor Bradley, Gov. Ayler, Senator Deboe and Albert White.

Jesse R. Eskridge was named as an alternate from the Fourth Congressional District to the National Convention.

The Republican County Committee at a meeting held previous to the convention re-elected Allen Kincheloe chairman, and Clint Hook, secretary, for the ensuing four years.

Three Ladies Thrown Out of a Buggy When Returning From a Funeral.

NO ONE SERIOUS- LY INJURED.

HARDINSBURG, Ky., May 15th (Special).—An unfortunate accident occurred here Tuesday morning in the street near the store of DeHaven & Co.

The horse attached to the buggy occupied by Miss Cora Furrow, Mrs. Burch, of Moolyville and Mrs. Jones, of Meade county, who were returning from the funeral of Doc Furrow's daughter, became frightened and ran away upsetting the buggy.

The buggy was overturned on the ladies who were painfully but not seriously hurt. Mr. Eli Miller, who was near, came to the relief of the ladies and rendered them much aid.

OLD PEOPLE'S DAY.

The 4th Sunday in this month has been designated as the Day.

Rev. F. M. Petty, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Hardinsburg, has designated the 4th Sunday in this month for the old people's gathering, and the Sunday School rally at Mt. Zion. The church being one of the oldest in point of interest in that section.

He anticipates a large delegation to take part in the Old People's exercises on that day.

There will be dinner on the ground. An invitation is extended to all to come.

GRAND JURY.

The following men form the grand jury of the circuit court now in session at Hardinsburg: F. K. Rhodes, foreman, Sam Ahl, Mandeville Galloway, C. W. Kasey, Philip Ploch, Horace Hunter, Warden Bandy, Jas. H. Carman, Chas. Reidel, Clint Bruner, Lee Walls and David N. Howard.

Card of Thanks.

We are very thankful to the many friends who so kindly assisted us the morning of the fire.

MR. and MRS. FRANK HASWELL.

IT WAS A BIG DAY.

People Gather at Kirk Sunday
From all Points, to Attend
The Dedication Services.

It Could Not Have Been a More Ideal
Day. Pretty Women Were
There With Their Baskets
Filled to Overflowing.

REV. CROWE PREACHED THE SERMON.

Fifteen hundred people attended the dedication of the M. E. Church at the village town of Kirk Sunday. The day was an ideal one. Men, women and children came from all localities, in buggies, on horse back and by train.

The town of Kirk is situated on the "Henderson route" branch and its inhabitants are of the most wide-awake and industrious kind. The undertaking of constructing such a magnificent house of worship in so small a place, shows conclusively what perseverance and determination can do. Those who were instrumental in pushing its construction forward have the praise of the entire community. They deserve great honors.

Its location is near the railroad, in a picturesque and beautiful grove. It is of modern architecture and would do honor to a town of fifty times its size. The interior is handsome and artistically finished. Elegant pews adorn it and the altar is daintily, slightly elevated and surrounded by a railing of the latest design.

Everybody was present with a basket overflowing with the substantial of life, table cloths were spread upon the ground and the good women began to arrange their contents. The men stood, months open wide, eagerly waiting for the announcement word to reach their ears. They formed in groups and strangers and friends from a distance were invited to partake of their hospitality. An abundance of food was on the ground, and if anyone failed to get a dinner it was his own fault.

After the magnificent spread and all had become rested, they were directed to a spot just behind the church, where a platform had been erected for the choir and the delivery of the dedicatory sermon.

All the members of the Hardinsburg M. E. Church South choir were present and numerous hymns were sung. This is probably the strongest and best choir in the State. Their enunciation is clear and distinct, their rendition of songs under the direction of Miss Tida Mercer and Mrs. Thomas Withers is far superior to the average choir and they should feel proud of having two people possessed of such rare musical ability.

Miss Mary Beard, the county's greatest singer, rendered a solo which received compliments from the entire congregation.

Rev. John M. Crowe read a chapter or two from the bible interspersed with songs from the choir. Rev. C. B. Overton, of Louisville, made the opening prayer after which the choir sang "Jesus Lover of my Soul."

Rev. John M. Crowe, of Lexington, preached the dedicatory sermon. He gave his famous "Four fold sermon." It was a discourse of two hours in length, but the majority of the congregation had not heard it before and consequently it was appreciated.

Rev. Crowe bears the distinction of being one of our most talented and gifted ministers of the Gospel. He is a great speaker and doesn't lack for words. Everyone present felt very grateful to him for coming and many were heard to express themselves thus—"I long for the time when I can once more hear Bro. Crowe preach."

The ministers in attendance were Rev. Crowe, Rev. Campbell, Rev. Davis, Rev. Overton, Rev. Roberts, Rev. Petty and Rev. Cox.

At the conclusion of Rev. Crowe's discourse, Rev. F. M. Petty, pastor of the Hardinsburg M. E. Church, began the raising of funds to liquidate the church from all incumbrances. There was a balance of some \$300 and it was but a short time until the required amount was raised and a few dollars over.

The day was a most enjoyable one to all and many old comrades met, who had not seen each other for years. It was a day of feasting and hand shaking and all returned to their homes rejoicing over the pleasant day spent.

SMOKE IN THE AIR.

Patton's Plant Will Be In Full
Operation By Thursday.

ONE MILLION CONTRACT TO START ON.

The wheels of industry have once more begun to turn in this city.

The Patton Vitrified Brick Works after an idleness of two years was running Monday afternoon, preparatory to start in full force this week.

Mr. Geo. C. Patton, President of the company, has had all of the machinery thoroughly overhauled, buildings repaired and yard cleaned.

He has a contract with Louisville parties to furnish over one million brick. He will make nothing but building brick.

When the plant gets in complete operation it will give employment to something near fifty men.

Mr. J. H. Lloyd, of Louisville has come to take charge as general foreman. He has had years of experience in the business. He will be assisted by Mr. William Harper who will have control of the burning. He is also a Louisville man.

Mr. Kile Adkisson, a sterling young man from Guston, Meade county, will be in the department of machinery.

KENTUCKY CHILDREN'S HOME.

Officers And Committees Of The Hardinsburg Auxiliary Of The Kentucky Children's Home Society.

President, Mr. C. L. Beard; Secretary, Ellen M. Smith; Vice President, R. L. McGuffin; Treasurer, C. L. Beard. Committee on Petitions: Dr. Kincheloe, C. E. Haswell, P. M. Beard, Misses Lillie Scott, Fida Mercer.

Committee on Applications: Mrs. Green Beard, Mrs. Charles Heston, Mr. Gus Brown, Mr. W. K. Barnes. Legislative Committee: G. W. J. Beard, John P. Haswell, Jr., Gus Brown.

Membership Committee: Misses Ellen M. Smith, Bessie Beard, Mr. B. F. Beard, Mr. P. M. Beard.

County Organization Committee: C. E. Haswell, Owen Cunningham, R. L. McGuffin.

Press Committee: V. G. Babbage, A. S. Worsley, Jesse Whitworth.

Sunday School Committee: V. G. Babbage, John P. Haswell, Sr., Gus Brown. Committee on Ways and Means: Misses Tida Mercer, Lillie Scott, Katie Eskridge, Eva Hensley, Mary Board, Irene Board, Mrs. A. H. Davis.

Clothing Committee: Mrs. Clayton Beard, Mrs. Morris Beard, Mrs. G. W. Beard, Mrs. Coleman Haswell, Mrs. John Hensley, Mrs. Owen Cunningham.

CLIFTON MILLS.

Success to the News.

Our Sunday school is quite a success. Farmers are preparing for a new tobacco crop.

Hello Raymond! A greeting to you, old neighbor.

Mrs. Wm. Drane visited her parents at Webster Sunday.

Arthur and Thurman Drane were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beauchamp went to Hardinsburg Monday.

Mr. Radeheimer of Cincinnati is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Beauchamp. Clyde Adkisson of Brandenburg is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Haddock, this week.

Henry Beard was called to the bedside of his sister at Corydon, Ind. Saturday.

Mr. Radeheimer sold to Mr. Dye his store house and other property in Clifton Saturday.

Herbert Haddock of Hardinsburg was called to the bedside of his father, H. C. Haddock, last week.

Roseo Hendry and Mr. Beard of Hardinsburg passed through our town last week enroute to Raymond.

Geo. Nicholson attended the ministers' meeting at Raymond the first Sunday and reports a good meeting.

Mr. Styles of Sirocco has moved his sawmill to this place and will give employment to several hands for a while.

Mr. Muncie has sold to Mr. J. D. Haynes a tract of land containing 33 acres for \$100; also one tract to Mr. Jones of Webster containing 40 acres.

H. C. Haddock has been seriously ill but by the timely and skillful aid of Drs. S. P. Parks of Webster and Milner of Union Star, he is now on the road to recovery.

WORKED THE AGENT.

The Grand Promoter Too Much For The
Book Canvasser.

Major Crofoot Organizes the Dietary Sausage Trust on a Capital of \$5,-
000,000 and Accepts a Small
Installment of Cash on
Account.

"THE LIFE OF NAPOLEON."

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It was a canvasser for "The Life of Napoleon," price \$3.50 in calf, and he had scarcely exhibited his sample copy when Major Crofoot arose and took him by the hand and exclaimed:

"Just the man I wanted to see of all others in the world! By George, but this is luck!"

"I shall be happy to book your order," smilingly replied the canvasser. "Will you take calf or morocco?"

"My dear man," continued the major, "my name is on a sign at the door, but it doesn't state my business. Let me say to you that I am a grand promoter of enterprises, an organizer, a consolidator, an originator of some of the most stupendous and gigantic schemes of the country. You have come to the right man in the right time."

"Will you take calf or morocco?"

"Six stupendous enterprises in the last six weeks—one per week—and every one of them bound to pay a quarterly dividend of 30 per cent—bound to do it. That's \$120 per year, and I'd like to see the diamond mines doing better. Six stupendous enterprises originated, capitalized and floated, and now comes the seventh. Fortune must have directed your footsteps. I am going to take you in. Yes, sir, I'll give you a show compared to which the 'Life of Napoleon' can't be mentioned. Let me congratulate you, sir—let me shake hands with another newborn millionaire!"

"Yes, but how about the book, major?" was asked.

"You have heard of the dietary sausage, of course," said the major as he walked to and fro; "invented by accident by one of the greatest chefs in America, and as he had no idea of what a good thing he had struck, I bought his right, title and interest for



"SALARY TO BE PAID WEEKLY OR MONTHLY."

a mere song. The d. s. has jumped into popularity in a day; has all the fullness of fresh pork; the nutritive qualities of beef, and the taste reminds you of venison; can be made of seven kinds of meat if you happen to have them on hand, or you can get along with only one. It's the way they are fried that makes 'em dietary and has set the gourmands crazy; sure to drive every other sausage out of the market in four weeks more—sure to do it; can be furnished as rations to every army and navy in the world; can be sold in every hotel, boarding house and family wherever humanity exists; good for breakfast, dinner or supper; can't run no camp meeting, picnic or Sunday school excursion without 'em. My dear fellow man, your fortune is made!"

"If you would select the style of binding," began the man.

"But we've got to go a little slow for a few weeks," interrupted the major. "There is a disposition on the part of the world's aristocracy to class sausage with yawn on the list of meats; can't expect that lords and dukes and presidents will order a second plate of them until they realize that it won't affect their social positions; got to look out for social prestige, you know. Once get the whirlwind of popularity started, and the public won't stop to ask whether our dietaries are made of men, meat or coco nutting. From this is to warrant them to cure indigestion, torpid liver and all that. They are a spring and fall tonic. All singers, actresses and athletes use them; testimonials from professors, actors, clergymen and thousands of others, and all family doctors recommend them above everything else. And there you are, my boy; there you are, and let me shake hands with you again."

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RECOVERING RAPIDLY.

Engineer Henry Wright returned last week from Louisville where he had his foot amputated several inches above the ankle. He is now out on crutches and is recovering rapidly.

Mr. Wright has been suffering all winter with a diseased ankle bone and amputation, the last resort, was found necessary to save his life.

J. C. Kennedy, Roanoke, Tenn., says, "I cannot say too much for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. One box of it cured what the doctors called an incurable ulcer on my jaw." Cures piles and all skin diseases. Look out for worthless imitations.—A. R. Fisher.

Ill With Fever.

Mr. John Butler, a highly respected citizen of the West View neighborhood, is confined to his bed with fever. Mr. Butler is 40 years old and a prominent citizen of that section.

Doesn't Look Well.

Mr. Houston DeHaven was present at the dedication of the M. E. church at Kirk Sunday. He said the wheat crop wasn't looking as well as he anticipated and in general the cereal did not have a healthful appearance.

Her Recovery Doubtful.

Mrs. M. D. Humphrey, who resides near West View, is critically ill of consumption and her recovery is doubtful. Mrs. Humphrey has reached the ripe old age of 71 and is a most elegant old lady.

Great opportunity offered to good, reliable men. Salary of \$15 per week and expenses for man with rig to introduce our Poultry Mixture and Insect Destroyer in the country. Send stamp, American Mfg. Co., Terre Haute, Ind.

On The "Marguerite."

The following party were the guests of Mr. O. T. Skillman on his naphtha launch Sunday afternoon: Misses Allice Murray, Elizabeth Skillman, Marion, Elizabeth and Margaret Bowmer; Messrs. Eugene Vest, Fred Fraize, Roy Heyser and C. B. Skillman.

The boat made the trip in an hour and twenty minutes to Addison, where the party called on Miss Nellie Burks and spent a delightful afternoon.

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